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Re: New U.S. Patent Application 10/731,753 for mark
"MULTIPLE-ROLLER CORNER PAINTING TOOL"; Filed:
December 8, 2003; Inventor: Hugo P. Rivadeneira

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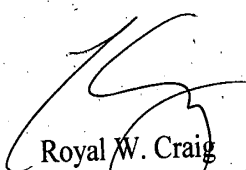
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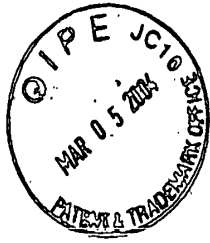
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Application of: RIVADENEIRA, Hugo P.
Application No. 10/731,753 Group Art Unit: To be assigned
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For: MULTIPLE-ROLLER CORNER PAINTING TOOL

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed are copies of the following reference documents.

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
US6,219,877	Lowrey et al.	24 April 2001
US5,386,610	Batanjski	7 February 1995
US5,293,662	Newman, Sr. et al.	15 March 1994

<u>Patent Application Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
US2003/0233721	Prince et al.	25 December 2003
US2003/0196286	Pyles	23 October 2003
US2003/0005536	Kim	9 January 2003

Other Publications

Internet publication (<http://quali-techmfg.com/Pages/r1.html>); "Quali-Tech Innovative Paint Applicators.

Summary of the references:

U.S. Patent No. 6,219,877 to Lowrey et al. shows a roller paint frame with a pivotal frictionally held connection mating the frame handle and shaft to a “U” shaped frame whose ends are parallel to each other and hold paint roller covers. The pivotal mechanism is comprised of a threaded stud sufficient in length to pass through holes centered in the flattened end of the shaft that is attached to the frame handle and the flattened center of the “U” shaped frame, a nylon washer set atop the stud between these mating portions and another nylon and metal washer set atop the protruding threaded end of the stud all secured by a lock nut. The lock nut is tightened sufficient to establish a tension on the assembled components to hold the frame handle and shaft and the “U” shaped frame at any angle of choice. The angle may be changed through the application of pressure applied to the frame handle. The nylon washers enhance pivoting and prevent clogging or lock-up of the pivotal mechanism.

U.S. Patent No. 5,386,610 to Batanjski shows a paint application device for painting a surface having an inside edge. The device includes a handle, a paint application member and a guide member connected to the handle for guiding the paint application member with respect to an inside corner of the surface to be painted. Preferably, the guide member is extendible from the handle for an adjustable distance to adjustably set a desired distance between the inside corner and the paint application member. The guide member extends along an axis parallel to a longitudinal axis of the handle. A wing screw is provided for holding the guide member in a desired extended position. The guide member preferably has at least one roller engageable with the inside corner of the surface to be painted. The guide member is rotatable about an axis perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the handle. A hinge tightening handle is provided to prevent rotational movement of the rotatable portion of the guide from a desired angular position. A shield is provided between the handle and the paint application member to protect

against paint overspray.

U.S. Patent No. 5,293,662 to Newman, Sr. et al. shows a corner paint pad assembly includes a painting pad having a handle which are interconnected by a rotatable joint including ears and on the rear surfaces of the pad, each ear having a hole therein and, there being an axle received in said holes. The handle includes a tubular stretch adjacent the tip end, the tubular stretch being internally threaded, there being a shank and a base of the hollow handle which are tapered to receive the end of an extension pole or, in the alternative, a threaded insert which may receive the threaded end of an extension pole.

U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0233721 to Prince et al. shows a paint applicator which may be used to apply paint to corners, to junctions between adjacent walls, along window trim, along floor moldings, or other surface adjacent to the surface being painted, without smearing paint on the adjacent surface. Moreover, the present disclosure provides a paint applicator having a trim system that prevents the painter's hands from becoming covered with paint upon actuation of trim system.

U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0196286 to Pyles shows a paint roller apparatus with edging shield and brush facilitating the painting of a surface that lies adjacent to another surface that is not to be painted contemporaneously. The apparatus comprises a roller cover, a shield, a brush, and a hand grip. The brush is affixed to the shield, and the shield is connected to a shield arm that is rotatably mounted on the handle. The shield arm can rotate between a paint loading position and a paint application position. In the paint loading position, shield arm is rotated away from roller cover about an axis that is parallel to the longitudinal axis of the roller cover. Said roller cover can then be immersed in paint without getting any paint on the shield. When

the shield is in the paint application position, essentially perpendicular and adjacent to the longitudinal axis of the roller, said roller may be placed in contact with the surface to be painted and painting may begin. The shield in the paint application position blocks the unwanted application of paint to the adjacent surface. A brush of predetermined size, shape, and stiffness is mounted onto the shield such that the bristles, or other paint application portion of the brush, angle into the edge of the surface to be painted and extend to the edge of the surface to be painted, but not onto the adjacent surface. In operation, the roller applies the paint up to a short distance from the edge of the surface and the brush then takes some of the paint on the surface and applies it up to the edge.

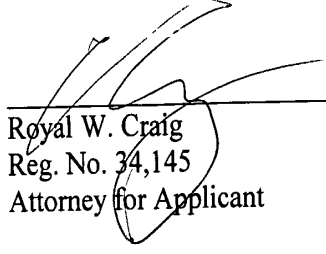
U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0005536 to Kim shows a paint pad apparatus having a mounting plate for attaching a removable paint pad and handle. The mounting plate has a plurality of projections for aligning, receiving, and blocking a shaft of the handle. The projections allow the shaft of the handle to be freely rotatable. The paint pad apparatus also is also provided with a plurality of accessible spacers to allow application of paint to a surface adjacent an adjoining surface.

The Quali-Tech web-based information discloses a variety of painting apparatus including one that provides for the application of paint in corners.

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The above-described references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner. Consideration of the foregoing and the making of the references formally of record in the instant application are respectfully requested.

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